

## Opportunities from the Learning & Development Centre

Learning & Development Centre opportunities for training and development are for contracted Warwick Research Staff.

The LDC Research Staff Development Programme is available on the website: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/>

### Workshops running term 2

Workshop	Date
Making an Impact with Job Applications	25th January
Making Successful Grant Applications - WMS & Life Sciences	1st February
Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and its benefits to Research Staff	2nd February
Dealing with People in Difficult Situations	8th February
Making Successful Grant Applications - Clinical Sciences	8th February
Making Successful Grant Applications - Engineering and Physical Sciences	10th February
How to Sell Yourself and Your Research	17th February
Interview Success	23rd February
Making Successful Grant Applications - Arts Faculty	1 March
Ideas Generation, Creativity and Innovation	2nd March
Project Management 2 For Researchers - the Next Steps	23rd March
Influencing Skills *	tbc
Teamworking *	tbc

### Practical Project Management for Researchers

Many researchers have asked if this is running again during 2011. If there is sufficient demand, I will arrange another workshop – please register your interest: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/projrp/>

**\*Influencing Skills** - postponed – due to low booking numbers. We are happy to run a session in 2011 if there is sufficient demand, please register your interest on the website:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/rsinflu>

**\*Teamworking** - We are happy to run a session in 2011 if there is sufficient demand, please register your interest on the website: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/rsteam/booking/>

Feedback and quotes from research staff on the workshop sessions will be added to the website over the next month.

**Promote yourself** - For Life Science Research Staff (Biological Science & HRI). Limited to 12 participants. Led by Trudy Hillier & Julie Gallimore. These two half day workshops are designed to assist you in preparing to compete for new opportunities including re-entering the job market. The first workshop explores how change impacts on us as individuals and considers the language and behaviours which we need to use in applying for jobs. The second workshop focuses on the selection process including preparing for and confidently participating in job interviews.

*Aim for Day 1:* To develop self promotional skills and behaviours.

7 December Part One 12-4pm Wellesbourne Campus

8 December Part One 12-4pm Gibbet Hill Campus

*Aim for Day 2:* To develop confidence in responding to specific

interview questions and to practice promoting your achievements  
18 January Part Two 12-4pm Wellesbourne Campus  
19 January Part Two 12-4pm Gibbet Hill Campus

### New opportunities being introduced for 2011

- The first one is on **Academic Writing**. It will cover the following areas:
  - 1:1's
  - Workshops covering the following topic examples; using ten questions to engage with secondary sources, the five stages of writing and structuring writing time, using peer review, writing for different audiences, proposal writing, adapting research for academic publication and
  - Away days providing consultations with a writing tutor, dedicated writing time and opportunities for planning research
 Please watch the website and e-newsletter for further information.

### Business Engagement Mentoring Programme for EPSRC Research Staff

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/bem>

This will be run by Trevor Robinson. Applications are open & please register your place on the website.

Cohort 1 – 27 January 2011 (12 – 5pm) & 18 February 2011 (10 – 4pm) & 19 May 2011 (10 – 4pm) at the Research Exchange. Lunch will be provided.

Cohort 2 – 11 February 2011 (12 – 5pm) & 10 March 2011 (10 – 4pm) & 15 June 2011 (10 – 4pm) at the Research Exchange. Lunch will be provided.

Other Learning & Development Centre offers that may be valuable to Research Staff are on the general programme <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/calendar/>

### Focus on Trevor Robinson – Entrepreneurship & Business Engagement

Trevor Robinson will lead on this new programme, funded by EPSRC money for Enterprise & Entrepreneurship transferable skills training. The programme will focus on Post Doc /Early Career Researchers who wish to develop strategies to engage with business re: collaboration/funding or who may wish to explore the opportunities of entrepreneurship / intrapreneurship. The programme aims to be practical, that is, actually engaging with business or moving from the 'idea' to effective commercialisation.

The programme will have a core group activity; however, the emphasis will be on 1:1 coaching. Both business engagement and entrepreneurship/intrapreneurship require ECRs to develop confidence and techniques in competitive commercial environments. The first cohort will start 27 January 2011 and the second cohort 11 February 2011.

For more details please contact Sandy Sparks.

### Funding opportunity for researchers:

For further information about individual or departmental funding opportunities, please see [www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/funding/researchers/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/funding/researchers/)

## Opportunities from the Learning & Development Centre - cont'd

### Roberts' funding – individual applications approved during November:

- Dr Davide Nicolini – Institute of Health, SHSS – Healthcare Research@Warwick poster event – April 2011 - £2350 towards the costs.
- Prof Karen O'Brien – Arts Faculty support for Researchers including individual project consultations with a publishing consultant, early career network, networking grants etc - £5000 <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/postdocs/>
- Maria De Hoyos, Warwick Institute for Employment Research - Academic Writing Series for Early Career Researchers – January to March 2011 - £3484
- Francisco Elissa Barroso, IAS Fellow, Dept of History, towards attending the 2011 Conference on Latin America History, 6 - 9 January 2011, Boston, USA - £895.80
- Ruth Cherrington, WMG, towards travel costs to attend Renewable UK Conference & Exhibition 2010, 4 November 2010 - £112.50
- Kathryn Mitchell – Attending “Facing the Care Challenge” 1 day conference, London, 17 November 2010, HSRI, Warwick Medical School, - £285 towards the costs.

### Feedback on Roberts' funded events that have taken place:

- **Paulina Sydor – Organising Natural Products Workshop 2010, Chemistry Department, 12 November 2010.**  
“Organising Natural Products Workshop 2010 was a great experience and enabled me to develop a range of transferable skills. By preparing a workshop programme I developed project management, problem solving, communication and networking skills. Organising this event put me in a new and different situation where I had to communicate with people to solve problems, as a result of which my confidence is now stronger! After the event, I got very positive feedback from all students, researchers and academics, so I am happy that they got to benefit from this experience as well!”
- **Kathryn Mitchell – Attending “Facing the Care Challenge” 1 day conference, London, 17 November 2010, HSRI, Warwick Medical School.**  
“Facing the Care Challenge Conference was held in London on

the 17th November 2010. What attracted me to the event was the impressive list of nursing experts speaking at the conference. It was an opportunity to hear from front line nurses how nursing needs to change in order to maintain a high level of quality patient care, to this end, the topic of numeracy skills in nursing was discussed at length. Another area that I was particularly interested in was the talk by Professor June Andrews, Director, Dementia Services Development Centre, University of Stirling who gave a very entertaining and informative talk about nursing people with dementia and the need for educating staff.”

**We have received a lot of valuable feedback this month so we have made this available at the following webpage:**  
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/rfeedback>

### Sessions taking place that are Roberts' funded and open to Research Staff include:

- **16 December 2010** - WMG Researcher Network – networking opportunity. Liaise with Vanessa Goodship to book your place.
- **April 2011** - Healthcare Research@Warwick poster Event - Dr Davide Nicolini, Institute of Health, SHSS. An opportunity to present & showcase your work.
- **11 May 2011** - International Theatre Conference: Empowering Marginalized Voice in Theatre. The Case of Italy & beyond. Department of Italian - Alessandro De Martino Cappuccio & Paula Toninato - Organising a research event. Open to staff to attend
- Arts Faculty provision ongoing  
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/postdocs/>

### Other sessions taking place that open to Research staff include:

- **6 April 2011** – Training on Ethics in Healthcare – for further information see <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/withinwarwick/>  
The event is funded by the Staff Development Fund.

## Further opportunities within Warwick

**Research Staff Forum –** do you have a faculty representative? If you are interested to be a RSF representative please contact Kevin Pike: [Kevin.Pike@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Kevin.Pike@warwick.ac.uk) or Mairi-Ann Cullen: [M-A.Cullen@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:M-A.Cullen@warwick.ac.uk)  
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/forum>

### Windows on Research – WoR

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/wor>  
Qualitative Analysis and Interview Techniques by Steven Martin, Research Associate, HSRI  
Participants quote: *“I had no prior experience of these [qualitative] methods but I now have a clearer idea of what I would like to do in more definite terms and feel more confident in describing my ideas [as a result of attending this session]”*

**IT Services Training Courses for Research Staff**  
[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/its/servicessupport/training/course\\_cat/teaching\\_research](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/its/servicessupport/training/course_cat/teaching_research)  
IT services have announced their training Schedule for Autumn 2010  
Full list of courses <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/its/servicessupport/training/>

### Advanced researcher postdoctoral certificate in transferable skills in science

For more information see: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/pioneers/postdoctoralresearchers/> or email Professor Alison Rodger: [a.rodger@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:a.rodger@warwick.ac.uk)

## Opportunities outside Warwick

### Vitae

Information for Research Staff, see <http://vitae.ac.uk/researchers/1269/Research-staff.html>

## Useful information and links

- **ResearchProfessional.com** for information on funding opportunities and research policy and practice news.  
[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/rss/funding\\_researchresearch/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/rss/funding_researchresearch/)
- RCUK events - <http://www.ukcge.ac.uk/events/eventsarea/scio>

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